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Applicant: Veli-Matti LEHTOLA et al. Conf.: 7050
Appl. No.: 09/486,971 Group: 1615
Filed: April 11, 2000 Examiner: R. Bennett
For: PHARMACEUTICAL PREPARATION COMPRISING CLODRONATE
AS ACTIVE INGREDIENT AND SILICIFIED
MICROCRYSTALLINE CELLULOSE AS EXCIPIENT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

August 1, 2001

Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit the following preliminary amendments and remarks in connection with the above-identified application.

In the Claims

Please add the following new claims.

--12. A pharmaceutical preparation, according to claim 11, wherein said preparation is an oral solid dosage in tablet form.

C1 13. A pharmaceutical preparation, according to claim 12, wherein the tablet has a weight of 1177 mg ($\pm 2.5\%$).--

REMARKS

Upon entry of the above Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-9 and 11-13 will be pending in the present application. The